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FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: PEACE CORPS IN KOREA

1. DURING HIS RECENT CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON, PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR SUBMITTED PHASE-OUT PLAN TO ACTION AGENCY PROJECTING PROGRAM PHASE-OUT AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1980. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, I HAVE FOR A LONG TIME RECOGNIZED REASONS FOR PHASING OUT PEACE CORPS TO SIGNIFY COMPLETION OF US ASSISTANCE EFFORTS IN KOREA. I HAD ENVISAGED PEACE CORPS PHASE-OUT WOULD COINCIDE WITH END OF CURRENT FIVE-YEAR ECONOMIC PLAN AT THE END OF CALENDAR YEAR 1981. THIS WOULD ALSO BE PRECEDED BY US AID PHASE-OUT. THIS PLAN WAS BASED ON A PROJECTION OF CONTINUED ECONOMIC GROWTH FOLLOWED BY A DIMINUTION OF BHN PROGRAM AREAS. IT ALSO TOOK INTO ACCOUNT REDUCTION OF U.S. RESOURCES.

2. GIVEN CURRENT POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES (TROOP WITHDRAWAL COUPLED WITH USAID PHASE-OUT AND PHASE-OUT OF OTHER PRIVATE US AGENCIES), PEACE CORPS PHASE-OUT NOTICE AT THIS POINT IN TIME COULD EASILY BE MISINTERPRETED BY ROK AND THE KOREAN PUBLIC AS ADDED PROOF OF AN OVERALL U.S. DISENGAGEMENT STRATEGY AND WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSITIVE ORIENTATION THAT WE ARE STRIVING TO ACHIEVE. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF WE GIVE NOTICE OF PEACE CORPS PHASE-OUT AT LATER DATE BASED UPON VIRTUAL COINCIDENT COMPLETION OF FIVE-YEAR PLAN AND PHASE-OUT OF U.S. AID, WE COULD GREATLY DIMINISH ADVERSE REACTIONS.

3. ON THIS BASIS I HAVE REQUESTED PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR

KOREA TO REVISE THE PHASE-OUT PLAN AS ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED. THIS REVISION NOW INCLUDES ONE MAJOR CHANGE IN THE PREVIOUS SUBMISSION WHICH WOULD ALLOW FOR THE ARRIVAL OF TWO ADDITIONAL GROUPS OF HEALTH VOLUNTEERS, ONE GROUP IN THE SPRING OF 1979, AND THE OTHER GROUP IN THE SPRING OF 1980. THIS WILL EXTEND THE TOTAL PHASE-OUT DATE TO JUNE 30, 1982. THESE ADDED GROUPS WOULD BE COMPRISED OF HEALTH/REHABILITATION VOLUNTEERS, THE ONE BHN AREA IDENTIFIED BY PC/K WHERE OBSRVABLE IMPACT CAN OCCUR OVER THE PLAN PERIOD TO 1982.

4. I REQUEST DEPARTMENT SUPPORT WITH ACTION AGENCY OF THIS REVISED P/C PROGRAM.
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